

AMENDMENTS TO THE SPECIFICATION:

On Page 1, after the title of the invention, please amend lines 1-4 as follows:

-- ~~The invention relates to a vacuum cleaner according to the preamble of claim 1.~~

BACKGROUND OF THE INVENTION --

On Page 1, before line 20, please insert the following:

-- BRIEF SUMMARY OF THE INVENTION --

On Page 6, before line 5, please insert the following:

-- BRIEF DESCRIPTION OF THE DRAWINGS --

On Page 6, before line 24, please insert the following:

**-- DETAILED DESCRIPTION OF EXEMPLARY EMBODIMENTS OF THE
PRESENT INVENTION --**